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**CLARIFICATION TO STAFF
RESPONSE TO COMPANY'S
LETTER**

On December 17, 2007, Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed its response to the Groom Creek Water Users Association ("Applicant") letter to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Yvette B. Kinsey in which the Applicant requested additional time for Staff to file its Staff Report. Staff concurred with the Applicant's request for additional time in which to file the Staff Report.

One of the essential elements in preparation of the Staff Report is an engineering analysis of the Applicant's facilities. Since August 10, 2007, when Staff issued its sufficiency letter, Groom Creek had sought to produce the needed analysis, which Staff received on Friday, December 14, 2007.

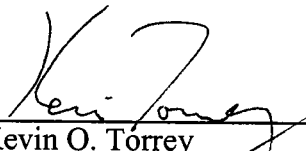
Having acquired the needed information, Staff believed it would be able to move forward in producing the Staff Report. Unfortunately, there simply would not have been enough time for Staff to properly examine the engineering data and incorporate it into a Staff Report and still make the December 17 deadline. Staff filed its response to the Applicant's letter, concurring with the Applicant's request to extend the deadline until December 31, and on December 19, 2007, Judge

1 Kinsey issued a Procedural Order, extending the due date for the Staff Report until January 4, 2008.

2 Had the engineering analysis been complete, January 4 would have been an acceptable date.
3 However, Staff did not have enough time to thoroughly review the engineering data before filing its
4 concurrence. Having now done so, Staff has discovered several areas in which the information is
5 simply insufficient for analysis. In order to obtain the supplemental data, Staff will need to issue
6 another data request, which will again delay the process. It is Staff's position, however, that there is
7 simply no alternative. The necessary analysis can not be performed with the limited data available.
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9 WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline for the filing of the Staff Report
10 be further extended until January 31, 2008.

11 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 21st day of December, 2007.

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